IL-38 Aircraft Collision In Goa

784. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that two Russian Ilyushin-38 maritime reconnaissance aircraft collided in mid air during an air show killing 16 people near INS Hansa Naval Airbase in Goa;

(b) if so, the details of the incident;

(c) whether any enquiry has been ordered to look into the whole incident; and

(d) if so, whether the Committee has submitted its report and the results of the report ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) and (b) On 1st October, 2002, during the fly past to commemorate the 25th Anniversary of Indian Naval Air Squadron—315, two IL-38 aircraft collided in mid air resulting in both aircraft *viz* IN-302 and IN-304 crashing. The number of casualties is as follows :—

(i) 12 Naval personnel who were the crew of aircraft.

(ii) 10 civilians.

(c) and (d) A Board of Inquiry has been constituted to investigate into the accident. The report of the Board of Inquiry is awaited.

Phasing out of MiGS

785. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH :

SHRI K. B. KRISHNA MURTHY :

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that more than 100 MiG-21s fighter jets have crashed so far due to various factors;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have conducted inquiry into each air crash and if so, what are the broad details of inquiry reports of each air craft crash; and

(d) whether Government propose to phase out these aircrafts and if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir.

Courts of Inquiry are conducted in all the cases. The details of MIG-21 crashes for the last ten years along with the causes of accidents are given in the